



North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Division of Air Quality

Benzene

CAS

71-43-2

Current North Carolina AAL = 1.2×10^{-4} mg/m³ (annual, carcinogen)

AAL Documentation

$$\text{Inhalation Unit Risk (IUR)}^1 = 8.1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ per } \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$$

Known human carcinogen by EPA, Group A

AAL based on 10^{-6} risk

Linear Calculation

$$\frac{1}{8.1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ per } \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3} = \frac{x}{1 \times 10^{-6}}$$

$$x = \frac{1 \times 10^{-6}}{8.1 \times 10^{-6}}$$

$$x = 1.2 \times 10^{-1} \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$$

$$\text{AAL for benzene}^2 = 1.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mg}/\text{m}^3$$

This information has been reconstructed using the decision matrix established by the North Carolina Academy of Sciences Air Toxics Panel, September, 1986.

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¹ Quantitative Cancer Unit Risk Estimates due to Inhalation of Benzene, EPA Carcinogen Assessment Group Internal Report, 1985 (EPA/600/X-85-022). IUR based on occupational study data.

² $1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3 = 10^{-3} \text{ mg}/\text{m}^3$